

ABSTRACT

A digital content distribution system is composed of a right management server and a user terminal which are connected via a transmission line. The right management server includes a license data generating unit which issues license data (usage right information) indicating a usage rule of content and an access condition setting unit which notifies the user terminal of update information. The user terminal includes: a content database which stores content; a license database which stores license data issued by the license data generating unit; a content reproducing unit which uses the content stored in the content database in accordance with the usage rule indicated by the license data stored in the license database; and a license data upgrading unit which requests the right management server to update the license data stored in the license database in accordance with the access condition notified by the access condition setting unit.